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Biography

Louis Charles Rabaut was born in Detroit, Mich., December 5, 1886; attended parochial schools; was graduated from Detroit (Mich.) College, in 1909, and from the Detroit College of Law in 1912; was admitted to the bar in 1912 and commenced practice in Detroit; also engaged in the building business; delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1936 and 1940; delegate to the Interparliamentary Union at Oslo, Norway, in 1939; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fourth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935–January 3, 1947); unsuccessful for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; elected to the Eighty-first and to the six succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1949, until his death in Hamtramck, Mich., on November 12, 1961; interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

Memorial Services
for
Louis C. Rabaut

Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *January 10, 1962.*

Mr. LESINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 488

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, a Representative from the State of Michigan.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, January 11, 1962, at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, *January 15, 1962.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

S. RES. 239

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, late a Representative from the State of Michigan.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Remarks by Representative Lesinski

Of Michigan

Mr. LESINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is my unpleasant duty to announce to the House the passing away of our dearly beloved friend and colleague LOUIS C. RABAUT of the 14th District of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the deepest regret that I stand here today in the well of the House to eulogize the one who was my closest friend in Congress, LOUIS C. RABAUT. In all sincerity I wish it were not so and this unpleasant task not placed upon me. Although I recognize that death is something we all have to face at one time or another, I would rather remember the individual as I knew him and would think of him as just being away. Of course, if you believe in the hereafter, this is so.

I knew Mr. RABAUT for many years prior to my being in Congress. He was a close friend and associate of my father. They had mutual understanding and traveled many times together by car between Detroit and Washington. That was when travel was a lot harder than it is today, for there were no modern expressways at that time.

As with my late father, Congressman RABAUT and I struck up a warm friendship in spite of our difference in age. The reason may have been the similarity in our philosophy on matters pertaining to the welfare of the American people, although, as the record shows, we did not always agree when it came to a rollcall vote.

He was always helpful to new Members of Congress, readily giving them the benefit of his experience and knowledge of the House.

He was a man admired by his people, loved by his family, and respected by his political enemies. He had no real enemies, for it was impossible to be disrespectful to this

gentleman amongst gentlemen, for that he was; and anyone who came in contact with his warmness immediately lost any displeasure that may have existed.

I knew Louis to be a pious man. He went to mass every morning, and it is my understanding that he received the sacrament every day. His piety did not, however, blind him to the greed of others; and, as he executed his duties in Congress, he was always fair. This was possible only because of his intense desire to know all the ramifications of a problem and to act to the best interest of all concerned.

His past experience as a builder of homes taught him the importance of values realized through one's efforts. He was many times miffed by those politicians who are continuously attempting to belittle the role of a Congressman, for he knew that under our type of government the people of this country have recourse through their elected officials.

I shall miss my dearly beloved colleague, for, although to me he may be just away, his absence will be felt by all of us who learned to respect him for the many qualities that made him a great man, a good father, and an admired and respected Representative in Congress.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, I should like to have inserted in the Record Mr. Rabaut's official biography and the text of the address by the Reverend Marshall L. Lochbiler, rector of the University of Detroit, after the solemn requiem mass for Mr. Rabaut in SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Detroit, Mich., on Thursday, November 16, 1961:

Louis Charles Rabaut, Democrat (lawyer), of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.; was born in Detroit, Mich., December 5, 1886, son of Louis A. and Clara Lenau (Reid) Rabaut; attended a parochial school; A.B. degree 1909, Detroit College; LL.B. degree 1912, Detroit College of Law; M.A. degree 1912, University of Detroit; admitted to the bar, 1912; married Stella M. Petz, of Detroit, and they have three sons and six daughters—Rev. Francis Dermott (S.J.), Marie Celeste (Sister Mary Palmyre, I.H.M.), Louis III, Mary Jane (Mrs. August Amato), Vincent, Carolyn Marie (Mrs. Jules DePorre), Joan Marie (Mrs. John Barrett), Stella Marie (Sister Stella Maris, I.H.M.), and Martha Mary (Sister Martha Marie, I.H.M.); 1935, guest of the Philippine Government at the inaugu-

ration of the Commonwealth; 1936, received a special citation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Michigan Department, for service as chairman of the Michigan congressional committee which obtained the establishment of veterans' facilities in Michigan; 1939, delegate to the Interparliamentary Union at Oslo, Norway, and inspected the U.S. Foreign Service offices in the Scandinavian countries; 1941, chairman of the first official congressional committee to South and Central America inspecting Foreign Service offices and studying effects of the cultural relations program in 17 countries, seeking the unification of the countries of the Western Hemisphere prior to the entrance of the United States in World War II; 1944, received annual award of the International Economic Council for outstanding devotion to world trade; 1945, at the invitation of the Secretary of State, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., headed a congressional group on an inspection of the Foreign Service establishments and other Federal activities in Great Britain and certain countries of Europe; 1948 to 1952, one of six members of the Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion (reconstruction of the White House); 1954, author of the amendment inserting the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America; conducted ceremonies paying tribute to the American flag for the first time in the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, when the song, "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag," was born under the Capitol dome; successfully advocated the acceptance by Congress of funds from ASCAP to press the record for the music and song of the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" for distribution by Congress to the communication outlets of the Nation; author of the legislation placing a cancellation mark on mail using the words "pray for peace" for which in 1956 he received an award from the Catholic War Veterans, Department of Michigan, "in recognition of unswerving devotion to God and country," and from the Daughters of the American Revolution the Award of Merit: "In grateful acknowledgment and sincere appreciation of outstanding services and worthy accomplishments for the protection of our constitutional Republic"; and in 1957 the George Washington Honor Medal from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge with inscription "for outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life"; elected to the 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 81st, 82d, 83d, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th Congresses; member of the Committee on Appropriations.

LOUIS C. RABAUT

Address at the Funeral Mass of the Honorable Louis C. Rabaut, Member of Congress

We have come to Saints Peter and Paul's this morning, the venerable church in which Congressman Rabaut worshipped for many years, in which he was married, in whose choir he so often sang, and in which, just a few months ago, he observed the 50th anniversary of his very happy marriage, to pay a final tribute of honor to a man we knew and loved, a distinguished citizen and an esteemed Member of Congress. With his family, his numerous friends and associates, we deeply mourn his loss. On this sad occasion, we extend our sincere and prayerful sympathy to his bereaved wife, his devoted sons and daughters, and the members of his family. In the presence of death, the events that circumscribe our daily lives lose their compelling and preemptive interest, and we begin to explore unsounded levels of personal identity, fundamental levels of deeply purposeful reality. We ask ourselves: What is life? What is its ultimate purpose? Whither is the ceaseless activity of our lives carrying us. Unless we know and understand the meaning of life, its ultimate purpose, we cannot map out for ourselves a program of life, chart our course through life correctly, employ our energies and use our time wisely.

For some, life has no meaning. Like Macbeth, "life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Often enough, they are people whose past conduct gives them reason for dreading the judgment of a life after death. For others, the meaning of life, its ultimate purpose, is the attainment of wealth, i.e., material possessions. For others, it is prestige, excellence in some field of human endeavor, either physical, intellectual, or artistic. For still others, the all-absorbing purpose of life is something lower in the scale of human values: some form of sense-gratification. Men and women who look for the fulfillment of their dreams in these material goals find only partial or incomplete fulfillment, often enough utter disillusionment. Under the impact of death and in the light of that wisdom which the shocking experience of death uncovers, such goals, as the final purpose of life, are meaningless.

Man's true goal, his master value, to which he relates and subordinates, all material goals, must take into account his true nature, the faculties that distinguish him and set him apart from all other things, animate and inanimate, namely his intellect and will. His intellect is made for the attainment of truth, and his will for the attainment of goodness. They will find their perfection, their fulfillment only in the attainment of perfect and absolute truth and goodness. But perfect and absolute truth and goodness

are found only in God. Man, therefore, will find the perfection of his being only in God. Man will find the meaning of life and its ultimate purpose in his return to God.

It was this true concept of the meaning of life and its ultimate purpose, and the full realization and the practical working out of this truth in his life, that gave to Congressman RABAUT's life its finest distinction, that made it possible for him to accomplish so much good and of such permanent value in the best interest of his family, his church, and in the Nation at large. It gave correct direction and sound motivation to his boundless energy and surpassing talents. It implemented his tremendous enthusiasm. It influenced the convictions he so firmy held and the opinions he so forthrightly and fearlessly expressed, both in private and in public life. Like interwoven strands of gold, it highlighted his labors and activities, enriched his complex and diversified human relationships, strengthened his commitment to make this world a better, finer, and happier place in which to live, especially in his repeated and determined efforts to alleviate poverty and human misery, so often induced by man's inhumanity to man. It made him a man of unswerving principle, one who never could be influenced by expediency nor swayed by the shifting winds of public opinion. Above all, it made him a man of unquestioned integrity.

This purposeful concept of the meaning of life was born of right reason illumined by faith: a faith that was confirmed in content and buttressed in sanction through the fulfilling revelation of God in Christ, a faith that divinely oriented men's lives through immutable and objective principles of human conduct.

Renown and distinction came to Congressman RABAUT in generous measure throughout a long and useful life, but in reaching for these legitimate honors he never betrayed God's master plan, careful, as he was, always to subordinate his desires, his plans and ambitions to the greatest achievement of life: the salvation of his soul and the souls of those who came within the ambit of his influence and responsibility. He knew that one day he would be called upon to give an exact accounting of his stewardship.

Congressman RABAUT bequeathed the clear vision and full vigor of his faith and his confidence in God's plan to posterity, especially to the members of his family all of whom he loved so dearly. The richness of this inheritance is reflected in their lives, more apparently, perhaps, in the lives of those of his children who embraced the religious life, one of whom, a Jesuit priest, is officiating this morning at his father's funeral Mass. Through these dedicated lives, the spirit of Congressman RABAUT will live on, be perpetuated in the purposeful living and God-centered lives of countless other souls touched by their influence and ministrations.

LOUIS C. RABAUT

Congressman RABAUT accomplished so much and of such permanent value in this life because he kept his vision of eternity clear and certain, always in perfect focus. As a devout Christian, he saw in the truth of Christ's resurrection a symbol and a promise of his own immortality—that death was not the end of the road but the gateway to eternal life. There was hope in his heart and a ready song on his lips because he was certain that the Son of God would keep His promise, the promise that is repeated in every requiem Mass, that was repeated in the funeral Mass this morning: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, even though he be dead, shall live; and all who live and believe in Me shall not experience death forever."

Congressman RABAUT has passed through the somber shadows of death, to glimpse the brightness of eternal day. Faith has yielded to knowledge. The happiness that his good deeds have merited, the grandeur and richness of the reward awaiting him, is overpowering, beyond human reckoning or description. Saint Paul said of his swift and fleeting vision of heaven: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it entered into the mind of man to conceive what God has prepared for those who love Him." In the spirit of the church in which Congressman RABAUT worshiped and to whose truths he so completely and loyally subscribed, may I suggest a prayerful remembrance of his soul, that, if perchance in the judgment of God his soul has need of further purification, through our prayers and suffrages, he may more quickly come into the full possession of his inheritance, his divine and eternal living with Christ in God.

Remarks by Representative Martin

Of Massachusetts

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, with the death of our good friend, LOUIS RABAUT, this House lost one of its ablest and most dedicated Members. His death was undoubtedly hastened because of his keen devotion and arduous work for his district, the State of Michigan, and the Nation. As a member of the Committee on Appropriations, he gave unstintingly of his fine talents to advance the work of the Congress. He never avoided any task, no matter how much effort it required. This characteristic was amply demonstrated by the great amount of time and effort he devoted to the fiscal affairs of the District of Columbia.

He was a real patriot and much of his great talents and endeavors were devoted to patriotic causes. He was also a deeply religious man and will be remembered for his successful crusade to add the words "under God" to the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

LOUIS RABAUT was a kind and considerate friend. He was an outstanding Member of this body. Those of us who had the privilege of serving with him over a long span of years feel his death as a real personal loss.

My deepest sympathy is extended to his fine family.

Remarks by Representative Passman

Of Louisiana

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, geographically, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.—the place of residence of the late beloved LOUIS C. RABAUT—and Monroe, La.—my own place of residence—are many miles apart. Economically and politically, as well as in numerous other respects, the 14th Congressional District of Michigan, which LOUIS RABAUT served with distinction through a full quarter century, and the Fifth Congressional District of Louisiana, which I have had the honor and privilege of representing in the Congress since January of 1947, differ vastly. But I would say on this occasion that, despite these diverse interests, throughout the past 15 years I enjoyed no friendlier personal relationship, and no more productive working association in the Congress, than it was my good fortune to have experienced with LOUIS RABAUT. Particularly, this outstanding patriot and statesman, who served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Works Appropriations, was especially understanding of the problems of flood control and related matters in the lower Mississippi River Valley—which is the drainageway to the sea of almost half of the whole of America—and his contributions in solving many of these problems, as well as in endeavoring to deal as effectively as possible with all of them, were of immense value to this great area and to the Nation as a whole. For these efforts and accomplishments on the part of LOUIS RABAUT, I, myself, have an enduring debt of gratitude.

I wish also to note at this time, Mr. Speaker, that a limited few of us indeed succeeded so worthily and so well as did our late colleague—to whose memory we join today in paying tribute—in fulfilling his responsibilities and discharging his duties to God and country. Our Nation, his State and district, and the individuals who were associated with him

along the way, have been the richer, fuller, better because of him.

I am incapable of words to express adequately the measure and depth of my respect and esteem for our late friend and his great works, or my sense of personal loss at his passing. Therefore, I shall conclude my remarks here by conveying my heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of this faithful and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. May they be sustained by the cherished memory of his good and useful life and by their deep and abiding Christian faith that his immortal soul is at peace with his God.

Remarks by Representative Aspinall

Of Colorado

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we in Congress pay tribute today to LOUIS C. RABAUT, who served his people and his Nation ably and patriotically as a Member of Congress for a quarter of a century.

The good which he has rendered, the benefits which he has bestowed, the ideals which he has nurtured will live on as an undying memory in our minds and in our hearts. As a friend, he was faithful; as a colleague, he was conscientious; we could not ask for more.

It was my pleasure to work with him on matters which showed his undying devotion to the national well-being. As a member of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, he was always willing to look for a way to make this a better nation by improving where improvements were needed. His service to this Nation and its people, and to his district and its people, can make us proud of our representative form of government.

In losing LOUIS C. RABAUT, this House has lost a friend and benefactor. But now he serves in a higher House, and peace be with him. To his family, let it be known that his was a fruitful and productive life for which they may be very proud. I extend to them every sympathy in their loss.

Remarks by Representative Kluczynski

Of Illinois

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague from Michigan, the Honorable LOUIS CHARLES RABAUT leaves us sad and depressed. We will miss him.

LOU was a kind and considerate man. He was a hard worker and a real fighter for fairness and justice. He was an able and efficient public servant and during his many years as a Member of the House of Representatives he left an imprint that will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, it was on November 12, 1961, when I was called upon to make a speech at a banquet honoring our former colleague, who served 11 years in Congress, and one of my best friends, now a Federal judge, Thaddeus M. Machrowicz, to an overflow crowd of over 1,000 people at Hamtramck, Mich., that I said we were very happy and proud our prayers made it possible that with us that night we had the dean of the Michigan delegation in Congress, LOU RABAUT who had served 25 years in Congress representing the 16th District of Michigan.

Ten minutes after concluding my remarks, LOU was called on by the master of ceremonies and he started by saying: "Reverend Fathers, honored guests, as dean of the democratic delegation of Michigan—" and then he hesitated, stopped, and fell to the floor. He was rushed to the hospital where he died.

LOU RABAUT was the author of the amendment inserting the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He conducted ceremonies paying tribute to the American flag for the first time in the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, when the song "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" was born under the Capitol Dome, and he brought about the acceptance by

Congress of funds from ASCAP to press the record for the music and song of the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." He also had caused the distribution by Congress of the new allegiance oath to the communication outlets of the Nation. He was author of the legislation placing a cancellation mark on mail using the words "pray for peace," for which, in 1956, he received an award from the Catholic War Veterans, Department of Michigan, in recognition of unswerving devotion to God and country; and from the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Award of Merit.

I say to you, Mr. Speaker, this world is better because LOU RABAUT lived with and amongst us.

To his devoted wife and family, Mrs. Kluczynski and I extend our sincere sympathy and we pray the Lord that LOU will rest in peace and that those who are dear to him may have the strength to bear their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Norrell

Of Arkansas

Mrs. NORRELL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in paying tribute to the memory of our colleague, LOUIS RABAUT.

It was with sorrow that I learned of his death. For many years he and my husband, the late Congressman W. F. Norrell, had worked together on the Appropriations Committee, and they shared a warm friendship in their dedication to duty as servants of the people. I know that LOUIS' colleagues on the committee will feel deeply the loss of his counsel, and that all of us will cherish the memory of his fellowship with us.

My understanding sympathy is extended to his widow and children.

Remarks by Representative Gary

Of Virginia

Mr. GARY. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in paying the last sad tribute of respect to our beloved friend, LOUIS RABAUT. He was a genial soul who loved his fellow man. Never did he let an opportunity pass by to help a fellow Member. With joy in his heart and a smile on his face he graced practically every social occasion with a song. He loved to sing and audiences welcomed his voice.

It was by no means all song and laughter, however, with this lighthearted bard. Having served with him on the Appropriations Committee, I can attest his devotion to duty and his dedication to public service. He represented his district, State, and Nation well. His long and distinguished record have earned for him the encomium "Well done thou good and faithful servant" and to him we give praise and honor today while expressing to the family, which he so dearly loved, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative O'Hara

Of Michigan

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, I share the feeling of tremendous loss felt by Members of this House and particularly those of us from the State of Michigan upon the death of our beloved colleague, LOUIS RABAUT.

LOUIS RABAUT was a good friend, an able and dedicated legislator, a devoted husband and father, and an outstanding citizen.

As a newer Member of the Congress, I have been immeasurably helped by his encouragement, support, and wise counsel.

LOUIS RABAUT took a deep and sincere interest in the needs and problems of his fellow man, whether he be friend, colleague, constituent, or indeed, any citizen, even if unknown to him, who sought his help or whose life was touched by his kindness and charity.

Mr. Speaker, I shall miss LOUIS RABAUT very much. All those who knew him or his work must share our sense of loss.

I extend my deep sympathy to LOUIS RABAUT's family, his friends, and his constituents.

Remarks by Representative Cannon

Of Missouri

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, this is a historic Chamber; it is crowded with the memories of great men and great deeds—the arbitrament of great issues.

It is crowded with the memories of great friendships. Our late colleague from Michigan, LOUIS CHARLES RABAUT, had his part in both. He was for more than a quarter of a century the friend of every man here.

In an ancient manuscript, after an enumeration of the virtues, we are told that the greatest of all is love. LOUIS RABAUT'S life was an exemplification of the truth of that admonition.

He loved people. He loved the House and the Members of the House. He loved his work. He loved the children of the District of Columbia. His heart was always touched by the thought that the committee under his jurisdiction, of which he was chairman, administering the affairs of the District of Columbia, might not provide for the children.

He rendered many notable services which went unobserved. When we had the first meeting of the Commission to rebuild the White House, Mr. RABAUT who was a builder, and whose familiarity with the many problems involved, was obviously superior to many of the architects and engineers who were consulted that he was immediately made a member of the Commission and had more to do with the rebuilding of the White House than anyone connected with it. His name is inscribed in the bronze and granite of this great building belonging to the people, and so intimately connected with every President who has lived there since Adams and who will be associated with it, we trust, for all time to come.

LOUIS RABAUT was a deeply religious man. His daily life was a quiet unobtrusive advocacy of his faith. He was an

everliving and convincing emissary of his Lord. He gave to the Sisterhoods of his church three wonderful daughters. He gave to the priesthood of the church a stalwart son, and he gave to the world 30 grandchildren who were his pride and joy.

The night is not forever.

The sun goes down to rise upon a new and more glorious day.

Remarks by Representative Ford

Of Michigan

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I knew LOUIS RABAUT intimately for over 13 years. Our association for the last 11 years on the Committee on Appropriations was one that I shall never forget. The first 2 years as a member of the Committee on Appropriations I served on a subcommittee under the acting chairmanship of LOUIS RABAUT. It was the committee that then had jurisdiction over all appropriations for the Army Corps of Engineers and some related agencies. This was during the Korean war, and under LOUIS RABAUT'S wise and firm guidance that committee did an excellent job. Those of us who were new to the committee will forever be grateful for his helpful cooperation and assistance. I learned tremendously from LOUIS on how to approach appropriation problems; the intricacies and ramifications of the Federal budget. I am certain that if our former colleague, Glen Davis, of Wisconsin, were here, he would reemphasize what I have said about the 2 years that we spent on that subcommittee, as a colleague of LOUIS RABAUT.

In addition, may I say that those of us from Michigan who served with LOUIS have always respected his judgment and his views. He was a cooperative member of our Michigan delegation. I firmly believe the Members of this body have lost a wonderful and valuable friend. Those of us on the Committee on Appropriations will badly miss him in the months and years ahead. The citizens of Michigan, in the passing of LOUIS RABAUT, have lost a fine, good, and constructive citizen. We must accept the fact that LOUIS is gone, but his memory will live forever.

Remarks by Representative O'Brien

Of Illinois

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of our esteemed colleague, Hon. LOUIS C. RABAUT, who represented the 14th Congressional District of Michigan so ably over the years, was a saddening blow to his friends and colleagues who held him so high in their esteem.

Sham, false pride, and deceit were abhorrent to him; humility, sincerity, and understanding of the little man's problems were his native endowments. He underwent trying and confining illnesses with courage and triumphed over them; and in the fleeting seconds when he must have recognized the approach of death, we can visualize that he met death fearlessly and with confidence in the hereafter for which he struggled on this earth.

To his widow and his family—many of whom are deep in religious vocations—we offer our sympathy, and we know that the spirit of LOUIS C. RABAUT will abide in our hearts to help us and guide us in our congressional deliberations.

Remarks by Representative Griffiths

Of Michigan

Mrs. GRIFFITHS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sympathy to the family of LOUIS RABAUT at his passing, but I would like to turn from this sadness to speak of LOUIS RABAUT in a different vein. LOUIS RABAUT was not only a kind man, a good Congressman, and a religious man; LOUIS RABAUT was a joyous man. He lived in joy all the days of his life, and he died praising his fellow men. It was a pleasure for me to come to this Congress and to have LOUIS RABAUT give me advice on how to be a Congresswoman. I appreciated it. I appreciated all the days I sat beside him on this floor and listened to his counsel. I appreciated the fact that he explained to me the parliamentary maneuvers, and I am grateful to him for the little jokes he told me about his family; for the pleasure with which he spoke of his grandchildren; for the great tributes he paid to Mrs. Rabaut; for the kindness with which he spoke of every person who was in this House.

Mr. Speaker, it was a pleasure to know a man so devoted to his family, so devoted to his friends, and so devoted to his religion. If it could be said of any man that he was an ornament to his religion, LOUIS was such a man.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that I knew LOUIS. I know that LOUIS lived and died in joy as he wanted to. I know that we who are in this House this year, who knew him well, will greatly miss him.

Remarks by Representative Sullivan

Of Missouri

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, the warmth of Congressman RABAUT's friendship was gentle and kind and always at hand when sorrow touched any of us, or when good fortune or happiness came our way. He will long be remembered for his many legislative accomplishments of an enduring nature; he will be best remembered by us who served with him, however, for the beautiful character he exemplified.

He was fun to be with—he had a wealth of anecdotes to illustrate and illuminate even the most serious subject, just as Abraham Lincoln could use humor instructively. But, like Lincoln, Congressman RABAUT was fundamentally a serious-minded, deep-feeling, dedicated man who worked throughout his long public career for the benefit of the public rather than narrow interest groups.

I want to express to our beloved friend's wonderful family—of which he was so tremendously proud—my deepest sympathy for the loss which they have experienced, a loss which everyone who knew LOUIS RABAUT cannot help but share.

While such decisions, of course, are beyond our ken, I think all of us here are convinced in our own minds and hearts that if any mortal among us deserved to achieve the Kingdom of Heaven, LOUIS C. RABAUT lived the kind of life which should earn for him eternal rest.

Remarks by Representative Thomas

Of Texas

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. RABAUT came to this body 2 years before I did and, like you, I had the privilege and pleasure of working with him continuously for some 27 years.

Mr. Speaker, a book could be written—and one should be written—extolling his many fine qualities and the outstanding work that he did in this House for the Nation as a whole and for that great district that he so ably represented, in the great State of Michigan for lo, these many, many years.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to those fine, human, gentle qualities, back of all of it was a brilliant mind, a man of character, stability and understanding. But of all of those many outstanding virtues that he possessed one struck me above all of them, and that was his practical realism. LOUIS was an idealist, but he tempered that idealism with that old, practical realism. He accepted the world in which he lived, and he loved it. He recognized its shortcomings, but in his quiet, inimitable manner he tried to improve it. At the same time he had that good old sense of understanding and that great wisdom and judgment that kept him on an even keel rather than trying to overturn and reform this great world in 1 day or 1 week or 1 year.

He had brains, character, and stability. He knew how to effectively use all of those grand qualities. I join all my colleagues in expressing sympathy to his lovely family and to his host of friends for their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Harvey

Of Michigan

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues of the House in paying deserved tribute to the late LOUIS C. RABAUT. I only wish I could speak on a more personal plane of the many fine accomplishments and services contributed by Congressman RABAUT who, for 25 years, served with great distinction for the 14th District of Michigan, his State, and our Nation in the House of Representatives. As a freshman Member of this great body, which is certain to miss the ability and service of one of its finest senior Members, I sincerely regret that time did not permit a closer personal relationship between us. But his work, his dedication, and his sincere efforts in the betterment of mankind presented me a keen insight of the character and integrity of a truly outstanding Representative. His devotion and accomplishments completely overshadow my words. He will be sorely missed by this House.

Remarks by Representative Natcher

Of Kentucky

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, the House has indeed sustained an irreparable loss in the death of my friend, LOUIS C. RABAUT, of Michigan.

It was a great privilege for me to serve on the Committee on Appropriations with LOUIS C. RABAUT and this applies especially to my service on the Subcommittee on District of Columbia Appropriations. He stood for the finest as a gentleman and as a true statesman. He was kind, considerate, industrious, conscientious, and courageous.

Particularly will I always remember the numerous occasions when he would talk with me about his family—his pride, thoroughly justified, was always clearly reflected in his happy countenance as he spoke with love and devotion of his children and grandchildren. He was truly a living example of one who had an abiding faith in the strength that comes from close family ties and he never ceased to espouse the need for this country to adhere to the unity that stems from happy devoted families.

LOUIS RABAUT was a man of stability and endurance and this Nation and the State of Michigan can ill afford to lose such a champion of democracy. He fully earned the confidence and respect in which he was held by the entire membership of the House and his passing has indeed left a tremendous void.

I join in expressing my sincere sympathy to the members of his family and his many friends.

Remarks by Representative Santangelo

Of New York

Mr. SANTANGELO. Mr. Speaker, to know LOUIS RABAUT was to love him, and I knew him well. For 3 years I served with him as a member of the Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. As chairman of the subcommittee, he had the burden and responsibility to move the program forward. We spent many hours together on details of the District of Columbia budget. Failing health and a weak heart did not restrain him in his assiduous duties. His sacrifice to his duties was great.

LOUIS RABAUT was a deeply religious man. His belief in God and in the dignity of man permeated his whole life and found vessels in the form of three daughters who became nuns, one son who became a priest and five children who married and became parents. Little wonder then that he successfully sponsored the measure to insert the words "under God" in our "Pledge of Allegiance." This bill was his greatest comfort and pride and his words "under God" will be repeated by all Americans while our Nation lives in freedom. His words in our "Pledge of Allegiance" are his guarantee of eternal fame.

On November 12, 1961, peace came suddenly to LOUIS RABAUT. As he was about to praise his former colleague, Thaddeus Machrowicz, LOUIS RABAUT collapsed and was gathered into the arms of his Saviour. We mourn his loss. Here was a man, a father, and a friend. No person knew the District of Columbia better—knew its needs and its wants. He was intolerant of waste, sympathetic to need and sensitive to our Government's obligations. His experience as a father of nine children made him responsive and understanding. When witnesses and representatives of special interests sought to curtail relief to children born out of wedlock, he declared in no uncertain words that he would not

permit innocent children to suffer for the sins of their parents. He refused to permit the sins of the indiscreet to be visited on their children.

He encouraged the chase after parents who abandoned their offspring and left the jurisdiction. He called these people the "galloping pappies" who must be bridled.

He realized that education was the backbone of our democracy, and he was generous in his appropriations for schools, facilities and for teachers' salaries. On one occasion I recall that although an appropriation was not requested, he authorized the use of available unused funds so that the children could have the books to read and the tools with which to expand their education.

He was quick to prevent harm and discomfort. When families were being dislocated in areas of land not developed for an undue length of time, he moved into action and saw to it that no more families were evicted from their homes until the redevelopment of vacant land began taking place and there was provision for relocation of dislocated families.

The concern of 800,000 residents in the District was his. While some people clamored for more funds without apparent justification, he was not stampeded, but would approve only after justification was forthcoming. His sense of justice was high. When general legislation saddled the District of Columbia with additional burdens and expenditures, he recommended that the Federal contribution be increased to provide funds to meet the additional burdens.

Louis Rabaut possessed a buoyant spirit—a "joie de vivre"—a joy of living. At work he toiled happily and long; after work he sang on every possible occasion, bringing cheer to his companions and friends. He exuded happiness and radiated friendship wherever he went. He was proud, as he might well be, of his 9 children, his wife, and his 29 grandchildren. Frequently, we exchanged stories about my five children and his nine children and grandchildren.

He was an adviser, a friend, and a confidant. He encouraged me to participate in the hearings which sometimes seemed interminable. He bragged that in his committee there were no leaks, although interest was high after a mark-up of a bill and reporters sought scoops.

All that one can take from this world is character and a philosophy of life. His philosophy can be summed up in the words of an anonymous author:

I shall pass this way but once
Any good that I can do
Or any kindnesses that I may show
Let me not defer it or neglect it
But let me do it now
For I shall not pass this way again.

LOUIS RABAUT passed this way to the Great Beyond. Because on the way he touched me, I am richer in experience, wiser in judgment and happier in thought. All who met him on his journey through the corridor called life share this feeling and sentiment. I extend my condolences to his wonderful family and assure them that their memories are priceless and that LOUIS RABAUT shall forever live in the minds and hearts of his friends and Americans.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, in the death of our late friend and dear colleague, LOUIS RABAUT, the House has lost one of its most valuable and highly esteemed Members. Elected to this body in 1934, he served continuously with the exception of one term. Possessed of great ability, a dedicated legislator, his fine qualities were early recognized by the assignment of LOUIS RABAUT to the important Committee on Appropriations of the House. His forward looking outlook was evidenced by consistently voting for progressive legislation. As chairman of the District of Columbia Subcommittee on Appropriations he performed his duties and his trust in such manner that the people of the District will always remember LOUIS RABAUT and the great work he did in their behalf.

He was a man of deep faith and religious convictions. His family life was exemplary, an example for all of us to follow. Blessed with nine children, three sons and six daughters, he and Mrs. Rabaut gave their children a family atmosphere of love, parental discipline, and deep religious faith and devotion. One son is now a priest of the Society of Jesus, and three daughters are nuns, dedicating their lives to God, mankind, and to country.

LOUIS RABAUT will long be remembered in America as the author of the public law that inserted the words "under God" in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America," a matter which has been referred to by the distinguished gentleman from New York [Mr. Santangelo]. This legislation most effectively portrays the spirit that was the foundation of the life of LOUIS RABAUT, not only the foundation, but also the character of life of LOUIS RABAUT, intense love of God and of country.

He was also the author of legislation that placed on our mail the cancellation mark using the words "pray for peace."

To Mrs. Rabaut and her fine sons and daughters, and to her grandchildren, I extend—and Mrs. McCormack joins with me—our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Louis Rabaut has left to Mrs. Rabaut and to his loved ones a proud record for God and country, a memory that will always live.

Remarks by Representative Taber

Of New York

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, from the time LOUIS RABAUT came to Congress many years ago he has sat on committees with me giving his heart to all his work and to all of the important matters that came before the committee. I used to meet him after committee sessions, and very often we spent time visiting with each other. I regarded him as a real friend, one who would do his best to help his fellow man.

I extend to Mrs. Rabaut and her children my deep and sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Knox

Of Michigan

Mr. KNOX. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound regret that I learned of the death of LOUIS RABAUT. The Congress has lost one of its highly respected, hard-working, and able legislators. The State of Michigan and the country has lost one of its outstanding citizens.

LOUIS RABAUT was forthright, fair, and steadfast when it came to matters of principle, yet he was willing to hear fully the merits of proposals and exercise his judgment accordingly. Above all, his patriotism to his country came first and his unselfish devotion to the welfare of his country was shown by his enviable record as a member of the Appropriations Committee and in the Congress.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his beloved wife and family. May LOUIS RABAUT find rest and peace in his eternal reward.

Remarks by Representative Boland

Of Massachusetts

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in the Michigan delegation, and the other Members of the House, in this tribute to the late LOUIS RABAUT. I am sure LOUIS RABAUT needs no encomiums of mine. His life and words will be amply documented on the pages of the history of this great body.

The monuments that are his, the monuments erected through and by his magnificent services in the House of Representatives, are now built into the very fabric of this great country of ours. He loved this place with a great devotion. This was so because he loved public service. He had a profound affection for his colleagues, regardless of party, race, religion, or national origin.

He devoted himself to God. He understood the meaning of goodness and morality, and the place of religion in our system of government.

One of our colleagues who was present when the fatal attack occurred reports that he passed from this life with a smile on his face. This must have been so, for he went to his eternal reward doing precisely what he wanted to do, paying tribute to one of our former colleagues, the Honorable Thaddeus Machrowicz, now a distinguished member of the U.S. judiciary.

I was honored and privileged to represent the Committee on Appropriations at his funeral services in Detroit. It was one of the finest and most impressive funeral services I have ever attended, conducted by his own son, a Jesuit priest, and there was present his three daughters who are nuns, and the remaining children. His funeral was attended by hundreds and hundreds from all walks of life in the Detroit area, the State of Michigan, and the country.

I extend to his devoted wife and family my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Kirwan

Of Ohio

Mr. KIRWAN. Mr. Speaker, I knew the late LOUIS RABAUT very well. There were two things he enjoyed in life, to sing and to be nice to people. He could do both. If it was within LOUIS' power to bestow a favor upon his fellow man, he made every effort to see that it was granted. He had faith and piety—and was always eager and willing to lend his helping hand. He was charitable, generous, and kind. He worshiped God—and he worshiped his family.

My memories will perhaps be deeper because he did something for me. When World War II was declared, President Franklin Roosevelt said that there would not be a dam or reservoir built in the United States until it was over. LOUIS RABAUT was chairman of the Deficiency Committee of Appropriations and put in funds for a dam and reservoir in my congressional district. It was the only project that was built in the United States, and provided sufficient water to manufacture the materials and steel needed for the emergency.

His memory shall always be deeply cherished. I fervently pray that God will continue to shower His choicest blessing—good health—upon his fine wife and family. God bless them in their saddened grief and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Feighan

Of Ohio

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Speaker, today we pay tribute to my dear and beloved friend, LOU RABAUT, whose passing brought sorrow to us. Our tributes to LOU are not for the worldly wealth he accumulated, not for anything he inherited, but for his good fiber and good name, for his zealous and steadfast devotion to his high principles and ideals.

LOU was my steadfast friend—he was our friend because the warmth of his personality spread to all of us and his kind and cheerful manner ingratiated him to everyone. LOU was truly a gentle soul, kind, considerate, and always helpful whenever and wherever possible. LOU epitomized the true concept of a good Christian. His life was indeed an exemplary one. He was devoted to his gracious wife, children, and grandchildren. LOU was a deeply religious man. His example at home must have influenced the choice of four of his children to join the religious orders—his son a Jesuit priest and three daughters becoming nuns.

LOU was a zealous and diligent worker, yet he had a jovial spirit and keen sense of humor that made it a pleasure to be in his company.

LOU lived a full, useful, rich, and active life. His passing from this world was sudden, but this manner of passing was a godsend to LOUIS because by living his clean, wholesome, Christian life he had prepared himself for his eternal reward which he now enjoys.

To his children and grandchildren LOUIS left a priceless heritage. They have my sympathy in their loss. To Mrs. Rabaut, whose rich legacy is their children and grandchildren, the memory of many happy, golden years of perfect companionship with one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Mahon

Of Texas

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of LOUIS C. RABAUT, of Michigan. He and I were first elected to Congress in 1934. More than 100 freshmen Congressmen were elected that year. When the 74th Congress convened, the freshman Members organized into a group and LOUIS RABAUT and I were among the officers of the organization. We were good friends from the beginning.

LOUIS RABAUT will long be remembered by those who knew him as a dedicated and devoted public servant. He stood tall and strong for the things in which he believed. He was absolutely fearless. As a member of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, he did a wonderful job through the years.

Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to the memory of a great friend, and express sympathy to members of the fine family left behind.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, a bright light that shone so long in this Chamber has gone out. A great soul has gone to a higher reward. A wonderful friend of all of us has said "goodby."

It is with deep sadness and full understanding of the loss to this body and the Nation that I rise in tribute to our respected and revered colleague, the late LOUIS C. RABAUT. The distinguished gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Lesinski], and others have offered eloquent tributes to his memory. I can add little to what they have said.

For a quarter of a century, LOUIE RABAUT was the spokesman of the people of Michigan's 14th Congressional District. His national service is reflected by the multitude of awards presented to him by service groups throughout our country.

As a public servant, he devoted his energies tirelessly to the needs of his district and his Nation. As a Democrat, he worked unstintingly for the growth and progress of his party. As a man, he gave of himself—his abilities, his warmth and humanity, his personal devotion to the ideals which we strive to make reality—and he earned the respect and affection of all who knew him.

LOUIS served on one of the most important committees and some of the most important subcommittees in this House. In those capacities he assisted many Members many times and performed outstanding service for his country. LOUIS RABAUT was a man of deep religious convictions. One of the things he did in this House in which he took great pride was his authorship of the amendment to the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" which inserted the words "under God." How significant is that fact in an age in which our principal concern is with the spread of atheistic communism.

LOUIS was a devoted husband, the father of a large, devoted, and wonderful family. To them we extend our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Meader

Of Michigan

Mr. MEADER. Mr. Speaker, I desire to join my colleagues from Michigan, my colleagues on the Committee on Appropriations, and others, in paying tribute to the life and achievements of LOUIS RABAUT, and in extending our sympathy to his wonderful family.

LOUIS RABAUT had a zest for living. He had loyalty; he had friendliness and helpfulness.

All of us from Michigan, not only those who serve in the Halls of Congress, but others from Michigan, and not just from Detroit, remember the contributions that LOUIS RABAUT made to our gatherings here of the Michigan State Society and of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in their annual trek to Washington when he and Harry McDonald, another Michiganite, would lead us in song and contribute to the spirit of the occasion.

I say he was loyal. He was loyal to his party; he was loyal to his State. He did all he could for anyone associated with him.

I wish to mention just one instance of LOUIS RABAUT'S helpfulness. Less than 2 years ago, the University of Michigan was anxious to obtain a new cyclotron, at a cost of $1.8 million. I see my colleague the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Boland], a member of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee here, who will recall the active interest that LOUIS RABAUT took in providing this marvelous machine for studying the nuclei of the heavier elements. He was helpful, but he had to be convinced of the justice of a cause before he gave that help.

Mr. Speaker, I also was privileged to attend the funeral of Mr. RABAUT in Detroit, and concur with the description which has been given by the gentleman from Massachusetts

[Mr. Boland] as to the beauty of that service and the spirit of the people of Detroit who turned out in great numbers to pay tribute to a great servant of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, all of us will miss him. His memory will be preserved and his family will realize that his colleagues in the House of Representatives had a very high appraisal of his work here.

Remarks by Representative Nedzi

Of Michigan

Mr. NEDZI. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the late LOUIS C. RABAUT. Although my acquaintance with him was not as lengthy and as deep as that of many who eulogize him today, I feel that I, too, was touched by his life and his goodness. For many years I knew of his reputation as a man deeply religious, a devoted father and family man, a man humane by instinct and practice, the last of those Michigan Democratic Congressmen of the New Deal era who helped enact the historic social legislation of the 1930's.

The untimely death of LOUIS C. RABAUT tempers my entry into this esteemed body. As a new Congressman I regret the loss of opportunity to work with this veteran of worthy causes and benefit from his counsel and guidance. A few days, before his death, Mr. RABAUT had called me to offer his assistance in my assumption of the duties of Congressman. Several days later, while speaking at a testimonial dinner for my esteemed predecessor, Judge Thaddeus Machrowicz, he was stricken with a fatal attack. In a sense, he died with his boots on, in a manner strikingly similar to that in which the late, great Alben Barkley passed on.

LOUIS C. RABAUT's constituents honored him by repeatedly reelecting him, and he honored them, the Congress, and the Nation with a high sense of purpose which will continue to be a source of inspiration to us all. I extend my sympathy to the late Mr. RABAUT's wife and family.

Remarks by Representative Moorhead

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to a great Congressman and a man who has helped and befriended me, LOUIS RABAUT, of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, to illustrate the qualities of this fine, wonderful man, I should like to relate an incident which occurred recently. On two occasions I have brought my little daughter to the floor of the House. On the second occasion she said to me, "Where is that nice man who told us about the 'Pledge of Allegiance'?"

Mr. Speaker, this illustrates that Mr. RABAUT, who was so kind a man, and had such a strong belief in God and in his country, would take time from his congressional duties to explain the "Pledge of Allegiance" to a little girl.

Mr. Speaker, to Mrs. Rabaut and to the members of his family I extend my deepest and most profound sympathy.

Remarks by Representative McMillan

Of South Carolina

Mr. McMILLAN. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn of the passing of my colleague the late Congressman Louis Rabaut. The State of Michigan and the entire Nation has lost one of its most valued citizens in the passing of Mr. Rabaut. He was always eager and willing to assist all persons in all walks of life in solving their problems.

I had the distinct pleasure of working with the late Mr. Rabaut for a number of years when he served as chairman of the House District Appropriations Subcommittee as I am chairman of the House District Legislation Committee. I always found Mr. Rabaut to be sound thinking, patient, and tolerant in connection with all the problems confronting the Nation's Capital. He spent hours and hours of valuable time and effort to make our Nation's Capital the most beautiful city in the world and a safe place for the residents of the District of Columbia to live and make the city safe for the people throughout the United States when they visit the Nation's Capital.

Very few people in our decade lived a happier life than Mr. and Mrs. Rabaut and all of their lovely children. I had the pleasure of serving 23 years in the Congress of the United States with Congressman Rabaut, and I am certain that he was an inspiration to all new Members of Congress as he always had time to discuss any problem any Congressman had in connection with the House District Appropriations Committee.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Rabaut and their fine children.

Remarks by Representative Dingell

Of Michigan

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my distinguished dean for taking the time today so that the House might pay an appropriate tribute to one of its great and beloved Members. I am, as are all my colleagues, saddened by the death of LOUIS RABAUT. I was present at the affair held in honor of our former colleague, the Honorable Thaddeus Machrowicz, who has now become a Federal judge, when our good friend, the late LOUIS RABAUT, passed on. LOUIS died doing what he liked to do and when our beloved friend had the privilege of visiting LOUIS RABAUT'S wife and family to express both his condolences and his personal sadness over what had happened at this dinner held in honor of Judge Machrowicz, Mrs. Rabaut expressed instead her gratitude that God had permitted LOUIS RABAUT to be present at the dinner in spite of his very much weakened health, to pay an appropriate tribute to a friend and to participate in an affair held in his honor. I think that is the measure of both Mrs. Rabaut and their family.

All who knew LOU are well aware of the gentle and humane character of the man and of the rocklike integrity and courage with which he faced legislative problems in the Congress and with which he faced political problems at home.

We are aware, indeed, of the good works which he has done and of the affection and regard in which he held his colleagues and in which his colleagues so well held him.

We are also aware that the membership of the House owes a great collective debt of gratitude to LOU for the assistance which he richly and warmly extended all of us. We are all aware of the fact that this country is dotted with real monuments to LOU'S legislative efforts; and I refer to the various public works around the country built as a result of his

efforts, as mentioned by one of our distinguished colleagues—the dams and the river projects, and so forth, which we have. We in the State of Michigan recognize the good work which he did for us in the Food and Drug Administration new building there, in the improvements to our Federal buildings and in the new Federal buildings which were constructed throughout the State. These are a very real tribute to the man. I am sure all of us here recognize that the greatest measure of LOUIS RABAUT was the love which he carried with him for his fellow man, both within and without the Congress of the United States. LOUIS rendered a very thankless task with enthusiasm, with dignity and with courage. Not infrequently he was treated right in the public press of the city of Washington for his efforts to serve the taxpayers in the conduct of affairs of the District of Columbia, and his concern over the problems of wise administration in the District of Columbia. He rarely received the credit which he deserved for his efforts on behalf of the poor, on behalf of the hungry, on behalf of the needy and of the destitute of this city.

It was in this that LOUIS took his greatest pride, that he was responsible—repeatedly without credit—for the school lunch program of the city of Washington; for the improvement of ADC; for the improvement of all welfare programs which he regarded as essential to the basic dignity of the people who looked to him as the principal source of help through, perhaps, their most difficult hours.

So the House today bids an affectionate farewell to one of its great and distinguished Members. I join my colleagues in expressing to the beloved widow of LOUIS RABAUT our deepest sympathy and our affection for him. I join his colleagues and mine in the knowledge that the name of LOUIS RABAUT and the affection in which he was held not only in the State of Michigan and the city of Detroit but here in this Chamber of the House of Representatives will continue for as long as any of us are present.

Remarks by Representative Boggs

Of Louisiana

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, I would not want this moment to pass without expressing my wholehearted agreement in the magnificent statements that have been made about our late colleague, LOUIS RABAUT. I think LOUIS RABAUT died as he would have wanted to—he died in harness, working at his job to which he was devoted. LOUIS RABAUT loved the House of Representatives. He had the capacity to make and to keep friends. It seems to me that I came to know LOUIS RABAUT almost the minute I came here, and I was one of those, among a great many, who numbered him among my friends. His devotion to his family and to his religion and to his convictions will remain as a monument to his memory and as an example to all of us.

Remarks by Representative Jensen

Of Iowa

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in all that has been said in praise of our deceased friend and colleague, the Honorable LOU RABAUT, one of the grandest men I have ever known, every inch a gentleman of the highest order, a devout Christian who practiced being kind to his fellow man, an able legislator, and a wonderfully good husband and father. I served with this great and good man on the Appropriations Committee for many years during which time I learned to know his heartbeats. I shall miss his smiles and his friendship. God rest his soul.

Remarks by Representative Conte

Of Massachusetts

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise today to pay tribute to our beloved colleague and friend, the late LOUIS C. RABAUT. He was truly a patriot—one who felt that we Americans should give greater expression to our love of country, lest we begin to take this Nation for granted.

These feelings led him to appropriately revise our "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" to emphasize that ours is a nation "under God." He further dramatized the "Pledge of Allegiance" and reawakened Americans to its use by presenting music to its words.

I am sure that above all his other accomplishments, great as they were, LOUIS RABAUT would like to remain in our minds as an effective patriot who fought for the preservation of his country's traditional way of life. For this he will long be remembered and revered. If every American would work to be as devoted in behalf of his Nation, our security and purpose would be stronger and clearer.

Remarks by Representative Evins

Of Tennessee

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues from Michigan in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory and life and service of our late colleague and friend, LOUIS C. RABAUT, the distinguished gentleman from Michigan.

For more than a quarter of a century LOUIS RABAUT served the people of his district and the State of Michigan and the Nation, and he served them all with distinction and dedication.

It has been my privilege to be closely associated with LOUIE RABAUT for several years as we each served as a member of the Committee on Appropriations. We served together on the Subcommittee on Public Works Appropriations. Congressman RABAUT was always a hard worker, a determined member of the committee and a most effective Representative. He had a great capacity for bringing about harmony and a spirit of forbearance at a time of tense emotions by asking at times for a brief cooling off period, and sometimes he would sing a song to break or ease the tension.

He was a deeply religious man and a man who lived by the principles he professed. LOUIS RABAUT will be missed from the Halls of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I extend an expression of sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

Remarks by Representative Gavin

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. GAVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that we record the passing of our very good friend and colleague, LOUIS C. RABAUT. Of LOUIE, as we all knew him, it can be said that he was one of Michigan's outstanding Representatives in Congress.

He was a humble man who had a kindness of heart and the highest concept of citizenship. In all his actions he moved with such ease and courtesy that it may be said without exaggeration that wherever he moved he seemed to radiate vitality and friendship. He was always calm, strong, and self-confident, and he respected in others the qualities he possessed himself—sincerity of conviction and frankness of expression.

His lines of friendship encircled friends of all elements of our social life. He was a man who contributed much to the civic, social, and spiritual life of the area in which he lived and the district and State he represented. LOUIE was a humble man with goodness of soul and kindness of heart and a man who rejoiced mightily when any act or deed of his added to the enrichment of our lives.

I cannot attempt to grasp or sum up the aggregate of his service in public life in a few words, and it is needless.

His life comprised a term of some years and produced a performance which I might say genuinely has been by his toil and stimulated by his love for his State and Nation—a record that won for him the great commendation and respect of all our people.

He was a firm believer in our American way of life. His great faith in the principles and ideals of government was not the outcome of any vigorous enthusiasm but the deep-rooted growth of many years.

In all things it can be said that he was a great American. His one great ambition in life was to hand on to posterity and the generation of tomorrow a greater and finer America than was handed to him.

LOUIE will be greatly missed by his colleagues and by the people he was proud and honored to represent. So today we mourn his loss and extend to his family our deepest heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, our distinguished colleague, Louis Charles Rabaut, of Michigan, was imbued with a strong lively spirit of friendliness toward humankind. He was filled with an abundance of true happiness of soul. He loved to sing the old melodies and tunes.

As a Congressman no one was more serious in his attention to duty. It can be said that he was one of the powerful members of the intellectual group of the House of Representatives.

He was always a true gentleman, as well as a devout Christian. His great love for his family was the shining light of his career. Four of his talented children entered the religious orders of the Catholic Church. His service in the House was marked by many patriotic ceremonies and services, together with interpretations of historical subjects.

His high sense of patriotism will always be remembered in the history of our Nation as in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" inserting the words "under God" by legislative act.

The exemplary life led by this gentle and understanding leader set moral standards of human conduct that few men could ever attain.

The Nation, State of Michigan, and the House of Representatives have lost a great political leader and statesman who by example reached the heights of legislative accomplishment and human behavior.

We, his colleagues from the State of Illinois, with great sadness extend our sympathies to his dear wife, Stella, and loving children.

Remarks by Representative Burke

Of Massachusetts

Mr. BURKE. Mr. Speaker, it is as much a privilege today as ever before, to praise the name of the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT of the Michigan 14th District. Yet in so doing today, we are obliged to add a note of deep regret, in deference to the absence of Mr. RABAUT from the seat he so long distinguished through service in this House.

As the Representative of Detroit's East Side, LOUIS C. RABAUT brought with him to Washington the pioneer spirit of the Old Northwest. With this at his command, he soon became known as one of the most diligent, effective, friendly, and talented Members of the House: a specialist in many fields, with marked abilities too numerous to record here in full.

He will, however, be best remembered for a few specific acts, one of which was his authorship of the amendment inserting the words "under God," in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the American flag. Another: authorship of the legislation placing a cancellation mark on mail using the words "pray for peace," for which he received an award from the Catholic War Veterans, Department of Michigan.

During his time in Washington, as a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, LOUIS C. RABAUT supervised the spending of billions. On one occasion he saved the taxpayers $535 million by inserting 13 words in an appropriation bill. And on all occasions, he was alert to the needs of his people: those of Detroit, of Michigan and of the Nation at large. All of them shall miss him in the days ahead, as shall we, his colleagues in this House. For there was a man of brilliance and of wit, and one to whom public service appeared the noblest cause of all. We were all, I believe, benefited in the knowing of such a man—as were all his many friends and acquaintances, throughout the country and throughout the world.

Remarks by Representative Horan

Of Washington

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, LOUIS RABAUT loved life and his fellow men.

We all will miss him greatly.

For over a quarter of a century LOUIS CHARLES RABAUT served with distinction in the House of Representatives. He was diligent in that service.

To those of us who served with him on the Appropriations Committee, his image is indeed clear. He had a keen sense of humor. He was honest in his convictions and fought valiantly to support them. The record will disclose the great value of LOUIS RABAUT to the purpose and the work of the House Committee on Appropriations.

He and Mrs. Rabaut raised a wonderful family of nine children. That four of them have volunteered for unselfish devotion to their church for life is indeed a tribute to the house and home he headed.

I wish to join with my colleagues in extending our sincere sympathies to his widow and to the entire family.

Remarks by Representative Weaver

Of Nebraska

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it was with a great personal sadness that I learned on last November 12 of the passing of my good friend and colleague, the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT. I had grown to know and admire LOUIS RABAUT through our association on the Committee on Appropriations and to share the general esteem with which he was held by his colleagues in the House.

For a time I served with Mr. RABAUT on the Subcommittee on District of Columbia Appropriations and during this period of service I was able to see at firsthand how this fine, gentle person was able to handle extremely difficult, often emotion-packed situations. Unfailingly I found him to be calm, dignified, and completely fair and just in all of his dealings. Although a member of the minority on that subcommittee I could find no reason to complain about the honorable and just manner in which he conducted hearings and executive sessions.

Mr. Speaker, LOUIS RABAUT was a man gifted beyond most of his fellow men with a genuine although often subtle sense of humor. It was perhaps this fine sense of humor that enabled him to carry on with such quiet dignity during some very trying times when others would have thrown up their hands in dismay.

I would like to recall for my colleagues, if I may, a brief vignette which points up this ability of his to survive even the most harassing times and difficult situations without at any point becoming curt or discourteous.

It was at the close of the hearings on the public works appropriation bill for 1960 that this particular event took place. As one of the ranking majority members of that subcommittee Mr. RABAUT had been frequently asked by the chairman to conduct the hearings for him. The hearings

had been long, technical, and involved. A thousand witnesses had paraded before the subcommittee, each with a different problem, each with a complex situation to discuss. Many of these problems and situations were extremely knotty ones.

It was my privilege to bring before the subcommittee a group of constituents on the last day of the hearings and to be present during the closing moments of those hearings. As the last witness had said his piece and left the room, LOUIS RABAUT leaned back in his chair. It was obvious that he and other members of the committee were tired. But Mr. RABAUT at once began to joke with his colleagues on the committee and those of us still in the room.

One colleague recalled that LOUIS had a fine tenor voice and had, upon occasion, entertained his colleagues and guests. He was called upon to close the hearing with a song. He protested—but it was obvious that the protest was not from his heart and he finally consented to sing for us. I have seldom heard a finer rendition of an old Irish ballad than he gave us that spring afternoon. It was, indeed, one of the most pleasant memories I have of the Congress.

And it typifies the man, LOUIS RABAUT. Although tired and worn from months of hard, strenuous work, he was, nevertheless, still full of fun, still full of life and vigor.

Mr. Speaker, it may be said that one of his great assets was his love of life, his love of his fellow men, and his unfailing sense of humor. The public has lost a fine, dedicated public servant. I feel that I have, personally, lost a good and true friend.

Mrs. Weaver joins me in expressing to his family our sincerest sympathy upon their loss.

Remarks by Representative Smith

Of Mississippi

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, LOUIE RABAUT was one of the most respected Members of the House. I knew him best because of our common interest in the development of natural resources. He was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the St. Lawrence Seaway project and few men in the Congress contributed more to the realization of this great project.

LOUIE RABAUT was not provincial in his support of waterway development, however. He was able to see the needs of such programs throughout the country. In the Mississippi Valley, we knew him as one of our outstanding friends and supporters.

All of us in the House of Representatives and in the country at large have sustained a great loss in the passing of LOUIE RABAUT.

Remarks by Representative Rhodes

Of Arizona

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow and a feeling of personal loss that I learned of the passing of our beloved colleague, LOUIS C. RABAUT. For the last 3 years I have been ranking Republican member of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia of the House Committee on Appropriations. LOUIS RABAUT during that time was, and for many years before had been, chairman of that subcommittee. I have worked closely with him, and can say that we have never had a minute's disagreement during the time we served together. As ranking minority member, I received every consideration which could possibly be expected from Chairman RABAUT. In fact, it can be safely said that under the chairmanship of LOUIS RABAUT there were no parties in the District of Columbia Subcommittee—we were all working for the same goals and working shoulder to shoulder.

Although he could be a hard man over a wasted dollar, LOUIS RABAUT always erred on the side of generosity where people were concerned. He was proud of many of the institutions of the District of Columbia which had been established at his suggestion or under his tutelage, but he was especially proud of the cooperative houses for mothers of dependent children and their families. These houses were established at Mr. RABAUT's suggestion, and their success was a source of deep personal satisfaction to him.

The blithe spirit of LOUIS RABAUT was best portrayed on the numerous occasions when he would burst into song. His rich voice and his extensive memory of the words and music of many pieces helped shake the doldrums from any dull evening. In fact, LOUIS RABAUT often used a song to dispel a tense moment in much the same manner as some people use stories.

Louis Rabaut was devoted to the family—not only to his own beloved family, but to the American family as an institution. In fact, it can be said that he was a good man, a good American, and a fine Congressman.

To his family I extend my deepest sympathy in their bereavement. They have suffered a loss which I am sure is staggering to each of them, but to assuage this loss is the solemn pride which they must feel in being part of a life which was so well lived.

Remarks by Representative Mills

Of Arkansas

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked when I learned this fall of the sudden passing of our friend and colleague, the greatly admired and beloved gentleman from Michigan, LOUIS CHARLES RABAUT. His death was a loss to his district and the Nation.

Everyone who had the privilege of associating with LOUIE RABAUT, as he was affectionately called, was aware of those personal qualities which he possessed in such full measure which made him one of the most popular men who ever came to Congress. LOUIE RABAUT was a Member of Congress when I first came to the House of Representatives. He was always helpful to new Members. As was the case with many other new Members, I benefited from his advice and counsel. He had a host of friends throughout the country.

As we all know, in his long service in the House and on the Appropriations Committee, he has sponsored and managed a great deal of legislation in the public interest, and his work here will indeed be a heritage of which his friends and loved ones can always be proud.

I extend to his surviving family my deepest sympathy and condolences.

Remarks by Representative Murphy

Of Illinois

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, the passing of LOUIS RABAUT will reverberate through the Halls of Congress where he won respectful affection from his colleagues.

Mr. RABAUT was a good Congressman, one who learned his job conscientiously, performed its duties with diligence, and maintained an excellent record.

LOUIS RABAUT loved people and he was always looking for ways in which he could be helpful. To him friendship was very important and there was not anything he would not do to aid a friend.

Congressman RABAUT was the type of legislator who is so greatly needed in our country today. A real American, he was a living example of what can be accomplished by hard work and individual initiative. His achievements and success were his own. I feel that in his years in Congress he found much self-satisfaction in a job well done.

LOUIS RABAUT was truly a religious man in every sense of the word. His loss will be felt not only by the members of his own faith but by all who knew him regardless of their method of devotion.

Our friend has gone to his reward, but his memory will always remain with everyone who ever had the pleasure of knowing him and of sitting with him in this Chamber.

God grant him eternal peace.

Remarks by Representative Bennett

Of Florida

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, perhaps the most rewarding thing in the life of a Member of Congress is the association with some of the great men who come here to be Members of this body. Certainly, I know that my life has been greatly enriched by this experience and that in the front line of those who have helped me most and who most greatly inspired me was LOUIS RABAUT. The warm and human heart of friendship was there for me whenever I called for it; and his able and sage judgment was a constant support. His family life was an inspiration to all, as was his religious life. By placing the phrase "under God" in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag," he did one of those simple but great things that was characteristic of the noble man that he was.

Remarks by Representative Zablocki

Of Wisconsin

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the late distinguished Representative from Michigan, LOUIS RABAUT. He was a beloved and highly esteemed friend, and we shall all miss him sorely.

I remember that when I first came to Washington as a Member of the 81st Congress, Congressman RABAUT was already well experienced in the ways of our National Legislature. Although I did not represent a district in his own State, he never denied me either his time or his help. He was a thoughtful, kind, and patient man, whose advice has served me in good stead on many occasions, and whose wonderfully human stories—especially about his lovely family of nine children—brightened many a moment in these halls.

During his quarter of a century of service in the House of Representatives, Congressman RABAUT compiled an imposing list of legislative achievements. I know that one of them was especially dear to his heart. It was his proposal to include the words "under God" in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." Many of us joined with him in sponsoring similar resolutions. I know that he was very, very pleased when the Congress approved this change.

Congressman RABAUT was an able and accomplished legislator, an outstanding representative of his district, and a true friend. He served his God through his family and his work, and his fellow men through his legislative and charitable endeavors. He has left an indelible imprint on the record of the Congress, and on all those who came in contact with him.

I am confident that his widow and his family will derive some consolation from the knowledge that the good Lord has chosen him to be among His very own, and that their sorrow is shared by a legion of his friends.

Remarks by Representative Spence

Of Kentucky

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, every Member of the House who knew LOUIS RABAUT, I know, learned of his passing with deep regret. He had served in the Congress for 13 terms. His many fine qualities were recognized by all his colleagues and he was a kind and clever gentleman with a disposition that endeared him to them. He was a dedicated public servant who used his influence and his vote for what he always believed was in the interest of his country and the constituency he represented. He was a loyal citizen who supported and defended our form of government from all enemies, foreign and domestic. He rendered conspicuous service on the Appropriations Committee for many years and had attained a place on that committee of great influence. I know his faithful service will be missed by that hard working committee. During his long service he received many public recognitions of his contributions to the welfare of his country.

The sweetness of his voice was evidence of the sweetness of his disposition. I remember hearing him sing a simple little song in Radio City years ago where there were also nationally known performers. He captured the show and the audience.

His life and his character will be an inspiration to those who knew him and he will long have a place in the hearts of his many friends. We will miss LOUIS RABAUT and will remember him with affection. To his family, I wish to express my deep sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Auchincloss

Of New Jersey

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, in LOUIS RABAUT's death the House has lost a vivid character and one of the most conscientious men I have ever met. During debate he was incisive and those who questioned his statements or arguments soon found out that he knew his facts and he was well aware of what he was talking about.

As a personal friend he was a most lovable character with a keen sense of humor, a heart of loyalty and one who was always ready to be of help in any way possible. He was a religious man, and his devotion to his high standards of Christianity were only matched by his loyalty and love for our country.

He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and there is no doubt in my mind that the people he represented in the Congress so faithfully and well will have a hard time finding a man of his unusual qualifications to take his place. My heartfelt sympathy goes to his widow and his family and may their grief be lightened by their knowledge of the glory of his service and the beauty of his life.

Remarks by Representative Kearns

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. KEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing sorrow over the passing of my good friend, the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, of Michigan. His untimely death on November 12, 1961, was a shock to all of us.

Our mutual interest in music helped bring us together during my early days in the Congress. I remember that LOUIS was responsible for ceremonies conducted on the floor of the House on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, when for the first time a choral group—the Singing Sergeants of the U.S. Air Force Symphony Orchestra—was brought to the floor.

LOUIS RABAUT will be greatly missed by his country, his friends, and his constituents whom he served so well.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Remarks by Representative St Germain

Of Rhode Island

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Mr. Speaker, this Chamber has not often received the privilege of paying tribute to a man of such high moral principle and personal honor as LOUIS RABAUT. The many honors and tributes which he has received, not only from his own State but from the Nation as well, have honored him as a patriot, as a statesman, and, most importantly, as a man of great personal and public devotion. His service in the Congress has been long in years, wide in experience, and varied in concern.

To this Chamber and to the people of the Nation he has brought his own sense of moral principle and high ideals. He made us all aware that this country is "one Nation under God." Each time we pledge allegiance to the flag, we are reminded that the basic foundation of our Nation is a faith and trust in God and in His desire for a world of justice and brotherhood. These same words of the Pledge of Allegiance are oral reminders and silent tribute to the memory of our colleague. His Nation and this Chamber owe a debt to LOUIS RABAUT for recalling to us the basic ideals of this democracy.

LOUIS RABAUT saw that these were not only the ideals of our Nation, but were the basic hopes, ideals, and basis of faith that are shared by all peoples. "Pray for peace" as a cancellation mark on the mails of the United States has been a constant reminder to our Nation and to the nations of the world that the American people have an alternative to nuclear war and ancient savagery. The alternative is a return to the principles of morality and honor to which all men are bound.

LOUIS C. RABAUT

Our former colleague was an honor to himself, his State, his Nation, and the world. It is an honor for me to pay tribute to our former colleague today. His words and his works have done much to lead our Nation toward a course guided by morality and principle in a world which so often lacks these qualities and for this we are thankful.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, this House of Representatives has suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable LOUIS CHARLES RABAUT, of Michigan. LOU RABAUT was one of my close friends and I have always enjoyed our friendship and have always had great respect for him as a man and as a national legislator. Had it not been for LOU RABAUT I would not have succeeded to the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, Federal judiciary, and related agencies. It was at his suggestion that I was named to this subcommittee by Chairman Clarence Cannon in 1946.

His charming widow and fine family have my deepest sympathy and prayers in LOU's passing.

On November 14 last, the editorial page of the Washington Post, in a tribute to LOU RABAUT, had this to say about him:

Representative LOUIS C. RABAUT had 9 children and 25 grandchildren and, as his last official biography observed, he knew, "family problems." In the years that he was the chief congressional influence on the District's budget, he was a warmhearted defender of the city's children. When, last June, a witness before his House Appropriations Subcommittee attacked the local program for aid to dependent children, Mr. RABAUT replied: "It's easy enough to find fault. I'm looking for solutions. What are we going to do with the children?" When another witness suggested cutting back aid in cases of illegitimacy, Mr. RABAUT declared: "You aren't going to hurt those children."

He was interested in public health, and his investigations 4 years ago led to a sharp improvement in conditions at District of Columbia General Hospital. He was interested in education, and sometimes held his school budget hearings at night so that parents could appear. His definition of liberalism included the stanch defense of individuals whom he considered wronged by a big city government. When this newspaper objected last year to his urban

renewal bill, commenting that it gave too much weight to the complaints of individual property owners in one project area, Mr. RABAUT wrote back: "Nowhere in this country do citizens have less recourse in grievances of such a local nature than they have in this city. Do you want me to turn a deaf ear?" His reductions in budgets, and particularly his reluctance to increase the Federal payment, often seemed excessive. Yet he was respected at the District Building as a technician whose decisions were rarely arbitrary.

Mr. RABAUT died Sunday at a testimonial dinner in Detroit, near his 14th Congressional District. The monument he leaves behind him is here, where he dealt in good faith with this city and its people.

Remarks by Representative Jonas

Of North Carolina

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, the House Committee on Appropriations has recently suffered the loss of two of its most respected members. I refer of course to the passing from this earthly scene of John J. Riley, of South Carolina, and LOUIS C. RABAUT of Michigan. I will pay my tribute to John Riley later but now wish to join my colleagues from Michigan and elsewhere in expressing profound sorrow over the passing of LOUIS RABAUT.

Mr. RABAUT was a senior member of the Committee on Appropriations when I came to Congress in January of 1953 and was assigned to that committee. During the intervening 10 years I had an opportunity to become closely associated with him on that committee. I found him to be a hard worker and conscientious in the discharge of his responsibilities. He entertained strong convictions and never hesitated to express them or fight for them. He enjoyed the respect of all members of the committee, as well as the House, and has left his mark on the committee and House records.

In the passing of LOUIS RABAUT, the Committee on Appropriations has lost a valuable member, the House of Representatives an effective legislator, the 14th District of Michigan an able Representative, and his family a loving and devoted husband and father. My profound sympathy is extended to them in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Bennett

Of Michigan

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in remarking on the commendable life and character of our late friend, LOUIS RABAUT. It was my good fortune to have had his friendship and confidence during my many years of service in the House of Representatives. I know his membership in this House will be sorely missed by the people of the district which he represented so long and faithfully and also by the country at large for the many valuable contributions he made toward the enactment of helpful and constructive legislation.

I wish to express my deepest sympathy to all of the members of his fine family.

Remarks by Representative Cederberg

Of Michigan

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness of heart that I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the late LOUIS C. RABAUT who so ably served his State and his Nation in these Halls.

LOUIS RABAUT was a statesman of great ability and high ideals. He was a loyal American and his patriotism and love of his country were of primary consideration in his every action. His devotion to the principles which have made our Republic great and his untiring efforts to perpetuate these great principles will long be remembered. Even prior to his passing his achievements in these fields were recognized by a number of patriotic organizations which paid him tribute.

He was truly a Christian gentleman. He wished to leave no question that in our country we have our foundations of faith based on the word of a Supreme Being. To the credit of LOUIS RABAUT is the amendment providing for the insertion of the words "under God" in our "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

It was my privilege not only to be associated with our late colleague on the floor of the House but also as a member of the Michigan delegation and as a member with him on the House Appropriations Committee for many years. During these associations I came to know him and admire him as a dedicated man.

I join my colleagues today in extending members of his family my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Kelly

Of New York

Mr. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my many colleagues in paying tribute to a good and great man. His loyalty to the Michigan delegation, to his State and the Nation marks his passing as a great loss.

Our loss is deeply felt not only because of the character and high qualities of our colleague but more important, the fact that in this era in our history the qualities he possessed are most needed.

History will record that LOUIS RABAUT devoted his entire life to these principles and to him alone can be attributed the addition to the Pledge of Allegiance of the words "under God." He was also responsible for the Pledge of Allegiance being set to music.

To me, personally, his death was a great loss. His counsel, advice, and analysis of bills reported to the floor was sought by all of us.

The time LOUIS RABAUT spent on the Appropriations Committee in his endeavor to make the city of Washington the most outstanding Capital of the world was a beginning which we all must continue to carry out. We deeply mourn his untimely passing.

Remarks by Representative Broomfield

Of Michigan

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, may I say a few words in honor of our late colleague from my home State of Michigan, Representative LOUIS C. RABAUT.

During his many years in the House of Representatives, Congressman RABAUT served his Nation faithfully, efficiently, and with boundless energy and courage.

At the time of his death, Congressman RABAUT was on his way to praise a friend, a former colleague of ours here in the House who was appointed a Federal judge.

Praise of his friends came easy to Representative RABAUT, and these friends numbered in the hundreds. He had the ability to resolve disputes, to turn away harsh words with a jest, but when matters of basic principle and belief were involved, he would not and could not be moved from that which he believed was right and honorable.

Congressman RABAUT loved this Nation and its people, and this love was exceeded only by his love of God. He was author of an amendment here in these halls in which the words "under God" were inserted in our "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America."

Under the eyes of God, Congressman RABAUT saw our Nation flourish and prosper, and under the eyes of God he lived a full, rich life with compassion and understanding of his fellow human beings.

Remarks by Representative Gilbert

Of New York

Mr. GILBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to a great American and distinguished former Member of this body—the late LOUIS C. RABAUT.

We, who have had the privilege of serving with him in the Congress, knew him to be devoted and loyal to his friends. He was a true public servant; he served his Nation and the people he represented, with honor and distinction. As a Member of the House of Representatives for 25 years he was admired and respected by all who knew him; he was an able legislator who rendered invaluable service to his country, his constituents, the Congress, and the important Appropriations Committee, of which he was a member.

LOUIS RABAUT is sorely missed by us; we shall always remember his devotion to his ideals and his duty. I express my deepest sympathy to his dear wife and family.

Remarks by Representative O'Hara

Of Illinois

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, ringing melodiously in the ears of Members is the song so often we have heard LOU RABAUT sing:

He made the night a little brighter wherever he would go—
The Old Lamplighter of long, long ago.
His snowy hair was so much whiter beneath the candle glow—
The Old Lamplighter of long, long ago.
You'd hear the patter of his feet as he came trodding down the street,
His smile would hide a lonely heart you see.
If there were lovers in the park he'd pass a lamp and leave it dark.
Remembering the days that used to be.

For he recalled when dreams were new,
He loved someone who loved him too,
Who walks with him in memory.
He made the night a little brighter wherever he would go.
The Old Lamplighter of long, long ago.

That was LOU RABAUT. He made the world a little brighter, wherever he would go. He sang many songs, and he loved to sing because of the music in a soul where all was at peace, because it was his mission wherever he would go to make the night a little brighter. Once when he and Tom O'Brien were in Ireland, and the great John McCormack was grievously ill and near the end, they were invited to visit the stricken McCormack, who at this stage of his illness had lost his voice, the golden voice that had enraptured millions. At McCormack's bidding LOU RABAUT sang for him one of McCormack's favorite songs, and then on urging another and another until an hour had passed, McCormack applauding from his sickbed and reliving in LOU RABAUT's singing the glory of the years of his own singing.

Yes, LOU RABAUT sang many, many songs, sang them as few singers could in any land or at any time, but "The Old

Lamplighter" was his theme song. I heard it first in my freshman year, so tenderly embellished in memory with the sweet charm of LOU RABAUT, when LOU RABAUT, Murphy of New York, Lichtenwalter of Pennsylvania, Morton of Kentucky, Franklin Roosevelt, all gifted with good voices and a love of singing, occasionally with some others, would gather of an evening at the Congressional Hotel. All the old favorites were sung, the repertoire of all the Congressman artists being all inclusive, but always the highlight was "The Old Lamplighter."

He made the night a little brighter wherever he would go—
The Old Lamplighter of long, long ago.

That was LOU RABAUT. He made a little brighter the lives of all his colleagues. He spread sunshine in the nooks of our legislative routine. He was a legislator of the finest quality. His accomplishments were many and of lasting impact upon his country and its future. His place in the history of the Congress of the United States is secure.

But, over and above all, LOU RABAUT was a man who lived his life by faith in his God and made the night a little brighter wherever he would go. His friendship has enriched my life. I shall miss him, sorely miss him, but his presence, even though not discernible to human eyes, I shall never cease to sense.

To his beloved wife, his children, his grandchildren, and the other family members I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Marshall

Of Minnesota

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, during my years of service in the Congress, it has been a real privilege for me to be associated with LOUIS RABAUT. He had a philosophy of life and a dedication to duty that was not surpassed. Always cheerful, always ready with counsel, and always willing to lend a helping hand, he was a true friend. He will be greatly missed by all of us. To his family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Pfost

Of Idaho

Mrs. PFOST. Mr. Speaker, it is with humbleness that I join my colleagues in the House at this time in paying tribute to the late Congressman LOUIS RABAUT, of Michigan.

He was a man big of heart and of mind. His warm, gracious countenance, which touched the lives of so many Members of the House, is deeply missed by myself and others. For, even in his latter years, he displayed a zest and understanding for life which were a tribute to the agelessness of the human spirit.

We all remember Mr. RABAUT for his major contributions to the American scene—his pioneer efforts during the New Deal for social security and other legislation, his work in appropriations, his activities on behalf of world understanding, and particularly the good neighbor program with our friends to the south.

Mr. RABAUT was already a distinguished veteran of the House when I first came to Congress. I remember well his courtesies and his enlightening counsel. He was a deeply religious man, and it was through his leadership that the traditional salute to the flag, repeated in classrooms and in ceremonies daily throughout the land, was changed to include "under God." For this, he will always be remembered.

And, there were the little things—the small events which make up daily living—by which he showed his stature. In the closing hours of each session, when the House was in recess awaiting legislation from the Senate side, I fondly remember Mr. RABAUT going to the microphone in the well of the House and leading the Members in congenial folk singing. He had a beautiful tenor voice, and the singing was just the spiritual lift that the tired Members needed to carry on with full vigor when the House was once again rapped to order by the Speaker. During these recesses, my late hus-

band, Jack, used to join us on the floor and his bass voice blended splendidly with that of Mr. RABAUT. It was a precious and warm bit of congeniality which many of us came to cherish and expect at the close of each session.

Mr. RABAUT lived his life ever actively. Even during his final term, shortly before his death last November 12, he remained one of the hardest working Members of the Congress. I am reminded of the lines written by Poet Byron, who had in mind the kind of man Mr. RABAUT was, when he wrote:

> His was "a spirit that on this life's rough sea
> Loves t' have sails fill'd with a lusty wind
> Even till his sail-yards tremble, his masts crack,
> And his rapt ship run on her side so low
> That she drinks water, and her keel plows air."

Remarks by Representative Dorn

Of South Carolina

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to a great American, LOUIS RABAUT. He served this Nation and the cause of freedom with honor and distinction. He was truly a great American. His unselfish devotion to this Nation has been an inspiration and an example to each of us. He really knew no north, south, east, or west. He was an American whose every effort was dedicated to the preservation of this Republic.

Mrs. Dorn and the family join in expressing to his wonderful family our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Donohue

Of Massachusetts

Mr. DONOHUE. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to join in the expressions of the Members here in tribute to our late and revered colleague from Michigan, Hon. LOUIS C. RABAUT.

Representative RABAUT served in this body during 13 Congresses. His multitudinous and remarkable achievements and distinctions have already been recited here.

His diligence in legislative study was a byword in these Halls and his appeals for approval of the legislation he believed in were forceful and persuasive.

However, he was perhaps known, and endeared himself most to us, by the qualities of his great heart. He was a kind and thoughtful man and, in the midst of his heavy duties, he always had time to give wise counsel, encouraging words and generous assistance to junior Members. He was a person of great good nature and genial disposition.

He was one of the most learned and effective national legislators in modern times. He exemplified in the highest degree the true spirit of faith in God, in country, and in his fellow man. His extraordinary record of patriotic service to this Nation and his State will forever brighten the pages of congressional legislative history.

The learning and geniality of LOUIS RABAUT will be sorely missed in this body but his patriotic service will remain forever as an inspiring example for those who come after him.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his gracious wife, Mrs. Rabaut, and his children in their great sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Diggs

Of Michigan

Mr. DIGGS. Mr. Speaker, to the younger members of the Michigan delegation, LOUIS RABAUT was more than our dean. He was like a father to us.

Every Member of Congress, no matter what his background of experience, if it has been in Government or outside it, when he first arrives on the Washington scene he walks into the House Chambers nervous and unsure of himself. One of the first Members at my side when I arrived was LOUIS RABAUT who put his strong right arm upon my shoulder and said reassuring things which helped me adjust to this great responsibility and to develop self-confidence more quickly than would have been probable otherwise. Having been a Member of the House for a long time, he was always full of anecdotes about debates on various issues and little known facts about certain individual Members which were always helpful in understanding the workings of the House and the philosophy of the Members. This is valuable in sizing up situations.

LOUIS RABAUT was always fair in his dealings with all of us, never condescending although he outranked us both in years and service, respecting our judgment both individually and collectively, even though on some occasions it might have differed from his. He was both a wise counselor and a good friend. Held in high esteem by other Members of Congress, the very fact that he was a Member of our Michigan delegation increased the prestige of our delegation.

Although the family and his circle of friends will miss him dearly, we all have the consolation of knowing that he has rendered his country great service and therein left a legacy that all of us could well emulate.

Remarks by Representative Breeding

Of Kansas

Mr. BREEDING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the late LOUIS C. RABAUT. The gentleman from Michigan was an outstanding Member of the House. I have never known a Member who was as devoted to his duties and worked as hard as he did in discharging the responsibilities which this House imposed upon him. His diligence to duty, his capacity for hard work, and his devotion to the House of Representatives and to the Nation can serve as an inspiration for all of us.

I know of no more able Member of this House than our late, beloved colleague. I want to extend my utmost sympathy to members of his family. I am proud that I had an opportunity to serve with him.

Remarks by Representative Johansen

Of Michigan

Mr. JOHANSEN. Mr. Speaker, LOUIS RABAUT was not of my religious or political faith.

But I honor him most for his piety and his patriotism.

I would only hope to serve the same God and country with equal sincerity and devotion.

One's remembrances of a man are perhaps the truest measure of his imprint—and his character.

I shall recall the memory of LOUIS RABAUT each time I repeat the words "under God" in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

I shall recall his memory—and his personal friendliness and courtesies extended to a delegation from my home-town—whenever I drive past the river diversion project in Battle Creek which he, as an Appropriations subcommittee chairman, helped make possible.

But perhaps my most vivid remembrance will be because of a member of the family in which LOUIS RABAUT took such deep and justifiable pride—the son who, as a priest of his church, with singular display of faith and courage, officiated at the requiem mass for his own father.

I think that is the remembrance which would please LOUIS RABAUT most of all.

For what little it can add to the treasured memories and comforting faith of his loved ones, Mrs. Johansen and I extend our sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Thompson

Of Texas

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, as the years go by Members of the House of Representatives form many friendships. Most of these might be called casual. We each have a warm regard for the other. If our paths cross in matters of legislation we may become more or less intimate with each other. As I look back on my own service I can think of many who would exchange with me the title of "friend." However, there are in my mind always a few who are outstanding and who have from time to time demonstrated for me a warmth and an affection and a helpfulness that sets them apart and in my mind and heart, places them on a pedestal. Such a one was LOUIS RABAUT. I cannot remember just when it was that he took me under his wing and began to give me his help in many things, particularly those which I presented to the Appropriations Committee. I can think of many times when his words of wisdom probably meant the difference between success and failure of some project of mine. His death grieves me sorely. I shall miss him, and I shall miss his good counsel. I hope that the things he has taught me will guide me in the years to come.

Remarks by Representative Rhodes

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in paying a final tribute to our distinguished friend, the late LOUIS C. RABAUT.

When I first came to the House of Representatives, LOUIS became one of my first personal friends, and over the years we developed a warm and cordial friendship.

For 25 years, LOUIS served his constituents well. He was truly a representative of people everywhere who cherish the goals of progressive and humanitarian legislation. The Nation is indebted to him for the very important part he played in the progress that has been made in our country.

To his beloved wife and other members of his family, I express profound sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Rodino

Of New Jersey

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, in the recent death of LOUIS C. RABAUT, the House of Representatives lost a wise and dedicated Member, and many of us who have served long years with him feel that we have just lost a dear friend. LOUIS RABAUT'S excellences were not of the flamboyant and spectacular kind. His manner of speech was characterized by gruff practicality rather than by smoothness or eloquence. Most of his work in Congress was silent, grinding work in committee, on the vital but unglamorous matter of the expenditure of funds.

LOUIS RABAUT had served in the House since the 74th Congress, being reelected to each succeeding Congress except the 80th. During the 25 years of his service, he won the respect and gratitude of each Member who had an opportunity to work with him in the Appropriations Committee, or to observe the care and fairness with which he approached his decisions.

It is gratifying that the record of a man of such high moral qualities is marked by his memorable achievement of the sponsorship of the bill adding the phrase, "under God" to the "Pledge of Allegiance." To his credit, also, is the bill he sponsored, by which the phrase "Pray for peace" is used in our post office cancellations.

In his official life as a legislator, and in his private life as a family man, LOUIS RABAUT was a person of warmly human sympathies, and of strong religious feeling. It has long been well known that, in his position as chairman of the Subcommittee on District Affairs of the House Appropriations Committee, Mr. RABAUT could be counted upon to support projects looking to the welfare of the sick, the poor, or children, so long as the need was soundly demonstrated, and the means of meeting it shown to be efficient. His concern for

the needs and the education of children is reflected also in the family life he shared with his wife, the former Stella M. Petz, and their nine children. The depth of religious feeling the two instilled in their children is indicated by the fact that one of their three sons is a priest, Father Francis Dermott, S.J., and three of their six daughters nuns, in the order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Sister Mary Palmyre, Sister Stella Maris, and Sister Martha Marie. Similarly, their depth of family feeling is reflected in the fact that their married children have presented Mr. and Mrs. Rabaut with the glorious total of 25 grandchildren—a fact of which Louis Rabaut used often to boast. He will long be held in grateful remembrance by those who appreciate how well he served God, his country, and his fellow man.

Remarks by Representative Lane

Of Massachusetts

Mr. LANE. Mr. Speaker, when the name of LOUIS C. RABAUT was called, there was no answer.

His familiar face and voice have vanished from this national forum where he served the people of the 14th Michigan District and the people of the 50 States for a quarter of a century.

From the mid-1930's until 1961, with the exception of the years 1946–47, he participated in the shaping of legislation that lifted the United States from a demoralizing depression to its present position as the powerful and responsible leader of the free world.

The older Members of this House have seen many colleagues come and go. Some were with us such a brief time before the fortunes of politics or the accidents of life took them from us that our memory of them dims.

Others, with that extra quality of the born legislator that their constituents appreciate, are endorsed again and again by the folks back home.

They are the veterans who carry forward the traditions and the standards of this House.

LOUIS RABAUT was one of these dependable men.

Above and beyond his ability, and his experience as a member of the Appropriations Committee, was the faith that illuminated and inspired his every thought and action.

His special interest was the Foreign Service of the United States, and he made many official trips to inspect and study the work of our diplomatic and consular representatives abroad. He knew that the future of freedom itself would succeed or fail in ratio to our respect, understanding, and assistance to the legitimate objectives of other national communities.

In his personal life, he was an exemplary husband and father, and a devout communicant of his church.

Louis Rabaut was proud of his American heritage.

He saw that the great human values liberated in our open society were guided from the beginning by the American people's reverence for their Divine Creator.

That is why our departed colleague had immortal confidence in freemen and in their future.

As the author of the amendment inserting the words "under God" in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America," he made us aware, as never before, that our rights and responsibilities and aspirations must work together in living testament to the Father of us all.

By his achievements as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, our late colleague and friend Louis C. Rabaut encouraged and strengthened us to meet the obligations ahead.

His presence is gone, but his spirit will be ever with us.

Remarks by Representative Multer

Of New York

Mr. MULTER. Mr. Speaker, LOUIS RABAUT is no longer with us. For 25 years he represented the 14th District of his native State of Michigan. For 25 years he graced this Chamber with his presence and his wisdom, benefiting all of us with the thinking of his keen legal mind.

LOUIS RABAUT was a kind, good man—a man that one was proud to call a friend. Today we rise to pay tribute to our departed colleague and friend with the realization that his resonant voice, his wit and friendly smile will no longer greet us when we come into this Chamber.

His accomplishments during his quarter century in this body would fill a large testament of good works. There were few important events which did not involve the energetic, good-humored LOUIS RABAUT. He was, however, a man whose love and respect for the people he represented was exceeded only by that for his family. His acceptance of life was serious but he never allowed that to prevent him from enjoying it. Words are inadequate to describe this man's deep love of his fellow man. A love which always expressed itself in his willingness to assist anyone at any time. He was a man dedicated to the common good of our country and who tried all his life to live up to the admonition "Love thy neighbor." Those of us who worked with him here knew that he succeeded. My deepest sympathy goes out to LOUIS RABAUT's bereaved family.

Remarks by Representative Granahan

Of Pennsylvania

Mrs. GRANAHAN. Mr. Speaker, the death of Congressman RABAUT came as a great shock to me, as I am sure it did to the rest of the Members of the House, for, despite illnesses he appeared to us to be an indestructible rock who could always be counted on to overcome any setback and come back to his duties here and carry them out courageously and with great compassion.

I enjoyed his friendship and treasured his advice and guidance. He was never too busy to help a new Member to become familiar with the work of the House, and as the new Member began to achieve experience here, he was always ready to suggest new ideas for meeting new problems.

Patriotism, piety, love of family, and a deep and sincere sense of friendship dominated his life. He was in the literal sense a good man. I want to take this opportunity to express to Mrs. Rabaut and her fine children my deepest sympathy. He has left a wonderful heritage of integrity and decency, both in the life he led and in the laws he was instrumental in writing as a Member of Congress.

Remarks by Representative Stratton

Of New York

Mr. STRATTON. Mr. Speaker, I was serving on active duty in the Navy in the Mediterranean last fall when I got the word that my great friend and our beloved colleague, LOUIS RABAUT, had passed into the Great Beyond. It was a sad day for me.

LOUIS RABAUT was one of the first Members of this body with whom I became acquainted as a freshman Congressman. In that first year in the House I had the privilege of serving with him on the Board of Visitors to West Point. It was then that I came to know of his great capacity for friendship, his warm understanding, his deep love for young people, and the sound wisdom and commonsense bred from a lifetime of experience that have meant so much over the years to all the deliberations of this House. I was indebted to LOUIS RABAUT for the advice and encouragement he gave to me as a new Member.

LOUIS RABAUT will be remembered for many, many years for his service as a Member of Congress. He will be remembered for what he did in including a reference to the Deity in our "Pledge of Allegiance"—"this Nation under God"—one of his proudest accomplishments. But he will also be remembered as one who always had the time and the willingness to help anyone in need. His staff was devoted to him. His friends were legion. Here was a great man, and a good man.

This House will be the less for his passing from our scene. To his widow and his family I extend my heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

Remarks by Representative Keogh

Of New York

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, others have expressed here with sincere eloquence our sense of loss at the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, of the 14th Michigan Congressional District—a true man of good will. I cannot forbear to add, however, a brief but heartfelt notation of my own sadness at the realization that this cheerful spirit, this bright intellect, this energetic and faithful man, has gone to rest.

Through a quarter century of our service here, my admiration and respect for LOUIS RABAUT grew. He was a superb example of the dedicated public servant. He wore proudly the badges of faith and patriotism. It was evident that he had before him always the realization that, as a man, he was accountable to the Almighty for the expenditure of each day. It was plain, too, that he regarded a hard day's work in their interest as his recurring daily debt to the people of the United States and, particularly, the citizens of his district in Michigan.

LOUIS RABAUT loved and respected his church and his Nation. He was a gentleman, but he knew that a resolute battle for the right was not incompatible with gentlemanliness. He was conscientious, earnest, and resourceful as a legislator, and the lawmaking of this Nation gained from his efforts over many years.

This was a clean, full life—nearly 30 years of public service; 50 years of happy marriage; 9 fine children, 4 of whom dedicated their lives to their church. Surely, when our beloved colleague presented himself at the eternal gates his credentials were not found wanting.

Remarks by Representative Chamberlain

Of Michigan

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in paying tribute to the memory of our late colleague from Michigan, LOUIS C. RABAUT. His death has greatly saddened his many friends and associates in Congress and elsewhere and brings a tremendous loss to Michigan and the Nation.

As a fellow member of the Michigan delegation, I knew him as a true gentleman, an able legislator, and a devoted patriot. A member of the important Appropriations Committee, he was always helpful to the people of the Sixth District and always most kind and considerate to me personally. His interest in the welfare of Michigan was never hemmed in by party lines. But aside from the times when heavily burdened by legislative work, I remember "Uncle LOUIE," as I called him, as a lighthearted, fun-loving man who took great joy in getting a group together to sing around a piano.

Congressman RABAUT served his State and his country for a quarter of a century in a dedicated manner, taking a genuine interest in the problems of all his fellow men. Though his legislative accomplishments were many and he shared the responsibility for the prudent spending of billions of dollars as a member of the Appropriations Committee, he was most proud of legislation he sponsored to include the words "under God" in our "Pledge of Allegiance." His deep religious and patriotic feelings which prompted him to introduce this meaningful revision in the pledge will live after him. And his adherence to the noble ideals of this Republic will serve as an inspiration to all who follow him.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with him and I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

Remarks by Representative Wilson

Of Indiana

Mr. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I have heard expressed for the past few days our sense of loss at the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, of Michigan, a true citizen of good will and a longtime personal friend of mine.

Having served with Mr. RABAUT on the Appropriations Committee and having served with him as chairman and ranking minority member on the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, I cannot but add a personal footnote to the grief that has been expressed here since his passing.

LOUIS RABAUT was one of the kindest men I have ever known. He was a warmhearted person, a conscientious legislator, a true Samaritan with an interest in his fellow man. At the same time, he was a man of cheerful spirit, bright intellect and abounding energy—but, above all, he was faithful to his God, his country, and to his colleagues.

Through almost 20 years' service with LOUIS RABAUT my admiration and respect grew. I came to know him as a superb example of a public servant. He carried proudly the banners of faith and service and patriotism and it was always readily apparent that he applied a rule to his every act. This rule was his own realization that, as a man, he was accountable to the Almighty for the way in which he used each day.

It was just as obvious that he regarded a hard day's work in the interest of his constituents as his recurring daily debt to them.

LOUIS RABAUT loved and respected his home, his State, his church, and his Nation. He was, at all times, a gentleman, but he knew that a resolute battle for the right was not incompatible with gentlemanliness.

His was a clean, full life—nearly 30 years of service to the public; 50 years of happy marriage; nine fine children, four of whom turned their lives to the church.

It can truly be said that when LOUIS C. RABAUT presented his credentials at the gates of heaven, they were found to be in excellent order and he now sits near the throne of God.

Remarks by Representative Philbin

Of Massachusetts

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly saddened by news of the passing of my dear and valued friend and esteemed colleague for many years, the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, of the great State of Michigan.

LOUIS RABAUT was one of the most distinguished, beloved men ever to serve in this great body. He was unique in his lovable, personal qualities, outstanding in his ability, and the wide sweep of his interests and his effective service to his district, State, and Nation.

LOUIS RABAUT was a great humanist and his humane feelings for his fellow man could not be excelled. He labored tirelessly throughout the many years of his distinguished public service for the betterment of human relations and for the advancement and improvement of human standards, for the elevation of the lot of the average citizen.

Warm and genial of nature, he had a host of close friends in this body and wherever he was known; his beaming, magnetic personality was felt in every gathering of which he was a part. A talented singer, he was always very happy to lend his great gifts in this regard to every occasion when he was called upon to do so, and he not only sang beautifully and impressively, at formal and solemn occasions on the floor of the House and elsewhere but he also took special pleasure in singing for his friends at social gatherings and impromptu entertainments.

He was a most valuable member of the great House Appropriations Committee and enjoyed the confidence of his colleagues and the leadership of the House. He was clearly and indelibly marked as a great leader in the Congress and the country.

LOUIE performed many special services and supported and advanced many meaningful pieces of legislation. Among

these, I have the feeling that he was especially proud of the measure he steered through Congress officially designating Rev. Francis Bellamy's famed "Pledge of Allegiance," with the addition of the compelling and meaningful words "under God," as our national pledge.

He put real heart service into this effort and not only secured the enactment of Public Law 287, 79th Congress, signed into law as House Joint Resolution 243, on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, which made the "Pledge of Allegiance" official, but he also arranged with one of America's most beloved and distinguished composers, Mr. Irving Caesar, to write appropriate and very impressive music for the pledge.

In addition, LOUIE also arranged to have this historic work sung for the first time on the floor of the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, by the official Air Force choral group, the Singing Sergeants, under the direction of Capt. Robert L. Landers, AFRES, in special Flag Day ceremonies.

To the end of time, this immortal pledge will be recited and sung by millions and millions of people and little children in every hamlet, village, town and city in this great country, an enduring, perpetual recollection of one of Michigan's greatest sons, our beloved friend, LOUIS RABAUT.

LOUIE was very dear to me during the years I have been in the Congress, and I esteemed and cherished him profoundly. He was one of our greatest leaders and one of our dearest friends. He was beloved, respected, and admired wherever he was known, and the warmth of his heart, the radiance of his personality, the compassion and generosity of his impulse have been everlastingly impressed upon the annals of this great body and in the hearts of all those of us who were privileged to know and to love this noble soul.

LOUIS RABAUT'S family was part of his very being, and he was indescribably proud of his devoted wife, his loving sons and daughters, of whom he often spoke in such a way that made it clear to all that his wonderful family was enshrined and forever locked in his heart.

He was proud of all his children, but I thought he was especially grateful for those who gave their lives in the religion to the service of the Living God, because Louis was a man of profound, religious faith who always worked and lived by the precepts of the Divine Master.

In his passing, a giant oak has fallen in the forest and a noble soul has gone to rejoin his Creator. With very heavy heart, I extend to his beloved and grieving family—his gracious helpmate and wife of many years, and his wonderful children—my most heartfelt sympathy for the truly irreparable loss which has come to them, to the House of Representatives, to the Nation and to all of us who dearly loved this great American and gracious, Christian gentleman.

I join his dear ones in mourning his passing, and sad of heart, pay tribute to his noble character and illustrious achievements. I pray that they will find that solace and comfort in their faith, as their dear, departed one would have them do, that will bring them reconciliation to the divine will.

The loving memory of this good and dear man will remain in my heart to the end of my days; it will dwell here in the historic precincts of this House, for very many years to come, inspiring and guiding the House toward noble goals, exalted ends, and warm human fellowships, for such are the treasured bequests of the courtly gentleman from Michigan, Hon. Louis Rabaut.

May the good Lord smile graciously upon our beloved friend and colleague and grant him eternal rest and peace in his heavenly home.

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THURSDAY, *January 11, 1962.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Maurer, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. LOUIS C. RABAUT, late a Representative from the State of Michigan, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution coming from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 488) as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, a Representative from the State of Michigan.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, I submit, on behalf of the two Senators from Michigan [Mr. McNamara and Mr. Hart], a resolution relative to the death of LOUIS C. RABAUT of Michigan and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 239) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, late a Representative from the State of Michigan.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Mr. McNAMARA. Mr. President, on November 12, 1961, the Honorable LOUIS C. RABAUT, Member of Congress from Michigan's 14th District, suffered a fatal heart attack.

His untimely death brought to a close a long and distinguished career in the Congress. Mr. RABAUT was dean of the Democratic congressional delegation from Michigan. First elected to the Congress in 1934, when the Nation was in the grip of the great depression, he was in the midst of his 13th term at the time of his death.

LOUIS RABAUT was a kindly man, with deep religious instincts and a host of friends. His political philosophy and his record in the Congress were marked by an unusual concern for the unfortunate, the helpless, and the afflicted.

He represented not only the people of his home district, but the interests of the entire State of Michigan. He was a leader in the successful fight for the St. Lawrence Seaway. He was a friend and champion of social security, public housing, and small business. He had a deep and continuing interest in the improvement of public education.

LOUIS RABAUT served his district, his State, and his Nation faithfully and well. He will be sorely missed and most favorably remembered.

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